

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF NEW GODOWNS IN MAHARASHTRA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received a request from the Government of Maharashtra to set up 500 new godowns in the State to tackle the problems of storage of agriculture produces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The Government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/ Renovation / Expansion of Rural Godowns through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). The Maharashtra State Agriculture Marketing Board, the nodal agency identified by Government of Maharashtra for implementation of the Rural Godown scheme in the State has received 1464 proposal (1419 for new and 45 for renovation) for creation of storage capacity of 10.36 lakh MT (9.26 lakh MT for new and 1.10 lakh for renovation). NABARD has not received any request from Government of Maharashtra to set up 500 new Godowns in the State.

(c): Central assistance for the proposed godowns will be provided by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development in accordance with the guidelines prescribed under the Scheme.